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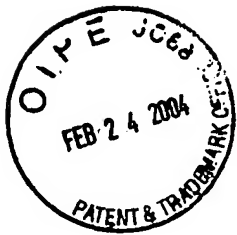
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AMENDMENT/REPLY IN CONNECTION WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Sir:

In response to the final Office action dated July 29, 2003, Applicants filed a combined Notice of Appeal and a request for a one month extension of time on November 25, 2003, which was received by the Patent and Trademark Office on November 28, 2003. Applicants are submitting concurrently herewith a Request for Continued Examination. Applicants have authorized the Director to charge the RCE fee required in addition to the extension of time fee to Applicants deposit account number 502-590. Please accept this correspondence as additional authorization for the Director to charge any additional fees required or credit any overpayment to Applicant's deposit account number 502-590.

In response to the final Office action of July 29, 2003, and in connection with the filing of the RCE submitted concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.

Applicants are also submitting concurrently herewith a Form PTO-1449 listing one article, a copy of which is enclosed. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner recognize receipt of said article in the next official Office action.